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FBI and CIA

If it is true that the CIA's business of spying in Latin America and perhaps the rest of the world is going to be "augmented" by FBI agents we view the development with mixed emotions and apprehension.

The CIA has been a troublemaking agency in more ways than one. In performing its questionable job of troublemaking in foreign countries it has caused trouble for Washington administrations by its own policies and independent actions. President Johnson, for example, was reported to be dismayed by the CIA's work during the Dominican crisis and by its activities in Central America. And there was the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

It is said the CIA will continue to operate as usual while the FBI will simply gather intelligence. A Washington correspondent wrote, "The FBI, except under the rarest circumstances, will not be authorized to carry out covert operations — invasions, armed infiltration, secret support of opposition to regimes and other 007-type projects — as does the CIA."

But it would seem that this would amount to putting two rival organizations in the field, and while it would be helpful to have at least one agency obtaining reliable information the question is why something more drastic is not done about the CIA. One might almost think Washington is to be permanently at the mercy of the CIA. As Senator J. William Fulbright pointed out, the CIA is supposed to be an intelligence agency only, not "an operating agency in the execution of foreign policy." Why continue to allow the CIA to cause trouble for our government? Why send another agency, the FBI, out to do work in the same field? Why not keep the FBI at home and reorganize the CIA along proper lines?